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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/760,593	Applicant(s) MERZ ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Anh T.N. Vo. (3) Adam Neff.
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Date of Interview: 01 November 2006.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: All of the record.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached:)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant presented a proposed amendment to the claims 5 to point out the basic claimed invention of a space between the filter and the negative pressure medium and the filter does not contact with the negative pressure medium; and a proposed amendment to claim 24 to point out the negative pressure medium containing chamber is located between the free fluid reservoir and the bubble chamber. Applicant will also consider providing clarification of the definition of the capillary element. Examiner will reconsider upon receiving a amendment.



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